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telephone number, and a device for preventing the combining device from combining the digital electronic signal indicative of a ^{See} still image with the electronic audio signal when the telephone number designating the remote device coincides with a specific telephone number.

REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action dated September 12, 2002, claims 1-10, 16-19 and 21 have been cancelled without any disclaimer or a prejudice to and claims 11-15 have been amended. Claims 11-15, 20 and 22 are now active in this application, of which claims 15, 20 and 22 are independent.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that amended claims 11-15 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. The present amendment is the same as one made in our Amendment filed September 3, 2002 and the non-allowable claims 1-10, 16-19 and 21 have been cancelled without any disclaimer and a prejudice to. Claims 20 and 22 have been allowed.

Applicants now believe that claims 11-15, 20 and 22 are now allowable and respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections over claim 11-15, 20 and 22 be withdrawn and pass those claims to allowance.

Entry of the Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested because entry of Amendment places the present application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, better form for appeal. No new matters are believed to be added by this Amendment. Based on the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

The “marked-up” version of the amended claims is as follows:

11. (Amended) A digital still camera capable of telecommunication, [in accordance with claim 5, further] comprising:

a converting device which converts an optical image into a digital electromagnetic signal indicative of a still image;

a receiver which receives an electromagnetic signal generated in accordance with a wireless telephone system;

a modifying unit which modifies said electromagnetic signal into a digital electronic signal indicative of a still image;

a device which alternatively displays a still image on the basis of the digital electronic signal from the converting device or from the modifying unit;

a speaker for generating an audio signal in response to the electromagnetic signal generated in accordance with a wireless telephone system received by the receiver; and

a device for extracting an audio signal component from an electromagnetic signal containing both a still image signal and an audio signal to control the speaker, and a device for extracting a still image signal component from the same electromagnetic signal to control the displaying device, whereby the displaying device is capable of displaying the still image while the audio signal is being generated from the speaker.

12. (Amended) [A] The digital still camera capable of telecommunication in accordance with claim 11, further comprising a microphone for converting sound into an

electronic signal, a device for combining the digital electronic signal indicative of a still image with the electronic audio signal to form a combination signal, and a device for transmitting the combination signal as an electromagnetic signal generated in accordance with a wireless telephone system, whereby the still image is capable of being transmitted while the audio signal is transmitted by the transmitting device.

13. (Amended) [A] The digital still camera capable of telecommunication in accordance with claim 12, further comprising a device responsive to the converting device, for storing the digital electromagnetic signal indicative of a still image, wherein the combining device is responsive to the memory to thereby combine the digital electronic signal indicative of a still image converted prior to the combining operation.

14. (Amended) [A] The digital still camera capable of telecommunication in accordance with claim 12, wherein the converting device is capable of converting an optical image into a digital electronic signal indicative of a still image while the audio signal is transmitted by the transmitting device.

15. (Amended) [A] The digital still camera capable of telecommunication in accordance with claim 12, further comprising a device for designating a remote device with a telephone number transmitted by the transmitting device as an electromagnetic signal generated in accordance with a wireless telephone system, a memory device for storing at least one specific telephone number, and a device for preventing the combining device from combining the digital

electronic signal indicative of a still image with the electronic audio signal when the telephone number designating the remote device coincides with a specific telephone number.

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